



Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates or to make *RESERVATIONS*.

*Programs marked with an * are wheelchair accessible.*

November 15 – November 21, 2010

Monday, November 15

11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment.

Tuesday, November 16

10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

11:00 a.m. Natural History Table*

Join a park naturalist on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered about the natural history of the Sonoran Desert. This is an on-going, 30-minute program.

2:30 p.m. Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sonoran Desert*

Join park naturalist Bob Brandner for this 30-minute presentation to discover the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.

Wednesday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

3:00 p.m. People and Places of Saguaro's Past*

Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden in the Visitor Center auditorium for this photo tour of the park's historic past, focusing on the stories told by its historic structures.

Thursday, November 18

1:00 p.m. Sentinel of the Desert*

This 53-minute video explores the life of a saguaro cactus and the plants and animals that live with it in the Sonoran Desert.

Friday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Desert Bird Walk

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy 2-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

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Saturday, November 20

11:00 a.m. Saguro National Park: A Common Heritage

This 20-minute video explores the history and heritage of those who settled the Tanque Verde and Rincon Valleys.

3:00 p.m. Yesterday, Today ...and Saguaro?*

What will the world's changing climate mean for the National Parks? Will our children find glaciers in Glacier, coral reefs in Hawaii, Joshua trees in Joshua Tree? And what does a warmer, drier Arizona future hold for our signature Giant Saguaro? Ranger Jeff Wallner will pose these questions that only your future decisions can answer. Meet at the visitor center for this 45-minute auditorium presentation.

Sunday, November 21

11:00 a.m. Gathering the Desert*

Join Park Ranger Laura Bolyard in the Cactus Garden for an easy 45-minute stroll to learn how desert plants have been used for food, shelter, medicine and more.